

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Robert "Rob" Alan Mott was born on May 20, 1949, at Lansing, Michigan, to Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mott, and in 1952, moved with his family to Mobridge, South Dakota, where he continues to reside; and,

*Whereas*, At the tender age of 13, Rob began his flying career, soloing at 16 years of age and earning his private pilot's certificate at the age of 17; and,

*Whereas*, Rob and his wife, Deanne, are the proud parents of a son, Patrick, a seasoned pilot himself who flies "Life Guard" flights in Alaska; and,

*Whereas*, Rob has attained his instrument rating in single engine, multi-engine, and helicopters and is also a certified airplane mechanic; and,

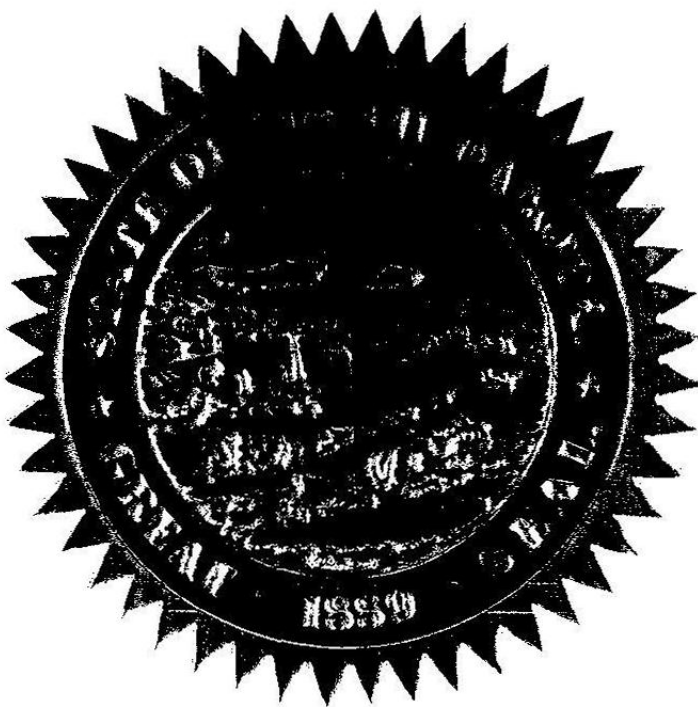
*Whereas*, In 1974, Rob began Mott Aerial Spraying Service, graduating with honors from the "Crop Duster's School of Hard Knocks" and has accumulated nearly 20,000 flying hours, many of which were mercy flights for people in need; and,

*Whereas*, After 33 years of providing spray service to the farmers and ranchers of north central South Dakota, Rob has decided to hang up his "crop duster" wings, and it is fitting and proper as Governor of the state of South Dakota to recognize the numerous contributions and dedication of this fine citizen:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2007, as

### *ROB MOTT DAY*


in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State